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PAGESDEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SERVICES  
INMATE GRIEVANCE FORM  
EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

8-7-2020

NAME: AARON ANTONY BRADFORD IMN: 235438 HU/FLOOR: SUPERMAX D-cell 7  
(Print)

Check if an informal attempt was made to resolve this grievance. If so, write the staff member involved and decision made. Refusing to attempt to solve a grievance informally with a staff member could delay the process of formal grievance.

There was staff member present during the incident. Also I spoke with the grievance officer. I also spoke with directors of the building - RAUL S. BARRASCO, Mr. HOWARD AND Mr. REED

Please print. You must include in your grievance the rule, regulation, policy or circumstance about which you are filing the grievance. **Be specific in giving details**, i.e. (date, time, location of incident, all persons involved and any other relevant information). Improperly filling out of this form could delay a response.

Excessive amounts of force - On or about Tuesday August 4, 2020 I was fully restrained in a restraint chair in 8-D Sally port. While officers were attempting to also cuff my already shackled ankles to a metal loop that's screwed into the floor I was maliciously attacked by a black male transportation officer. I was forced to sit in the restraint chair because earlier that day around 9:00 am I informed C.O. Ross and Nurse Bullock of the suicidal thoughts that I was having.

Between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. transportation officer FINCH (066) in an attempt to aid other officers so they could chain my already shackled ankles to a looped screw in the floor, stood on my bare right foot with his shod foot. Due to the unbearable pain I pulled my toes back from underneath his foot. As this officer attempted to stand on my foot again, I moved my foot as much as possible while I was already shackled. This officer reacted to this by striking my face with an open hand, then he punched me. I attempted to move my face so I would not be

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Staff's Signature/IDSN

Date



Struck again by this officer. As I moved my head so I would not be struck in the face again, this officer began to choke me wrapping his hand around my neck. I could not breathe. I was trying to tell the officer this. I couldn't talk. I yanked my head back in order to break free of the choke hold. Then this transportation officer grabbed and squashed my esophagus with his fingers. I tried to tell him I wasn't able to breathe. I could not talk though. I moved my neck around so I could free myself of the throat clench I was in.

I was successful at snatching away from this clench the officer had on my throat. As I was asking the officer why'd he hit and choke me, he stood behind me and stuffed his fingers in my mouth. The officer attempted to stretch my lips apart. When I felt my lips splitting open I attempted to close my mouth. The officer at which point, pulled my jaws apart even harder. I bit the officer finger on his left hand.

When I bit transportation officer Finch (1066) he removed his fingers from my mouth. He instantly stuck two of his fingers in my nose and yanked my head back. The officer pulled on my nose so hard to the point my nose began to bleed. I sustained damage to my left nostril. My right nostril may have been broken. I don't know if it was from him punching me or trying to stick his fingers all the way up my nose,



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OR from this officer attempt at ripping my nose off. All of these damages / injuries have been documented and noted by medical professionals at St. Louis County Infirmary within the jail. (PLEASE SEE ALL OF the documents)

I spoke with the head security officer Mr. Reed. He assured me that he would view the camera footage. There's a camera in 8-D Sallyport which would've captured the entire excessive amounts of force that was used by this officer. (Please view camera footage from 8-4-2020 between 2:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m) Mr. Reed has not said anything else to me about it. I'm not sure if he viewed the footage that was recorded.

Mr. Howard also told me he would view the footage. I've heard nothing. I saw him in person while in the restraint chair. He told me this verbally.

I saw Mr. Banasco while I was in cell 26 in the infirmary. I attempted to discuss this matter with him. But after briefly mentioning it, Mr. Banasco told me he'd discuss it with me later. He pulled out his cell phone and pulled up the Note symbol. My name and inmate number was typed into his notes. I've heard nothing else. NOTE: He was with someone who may have been a representative of the NAACP. This someone had a yellow cap on his head with blue letters on the front that read NAACP.

I wish to file a civil complaint.



Remedies - 1) Please view camera footage from 8-4-2020 between 2:00pm - 3:00 pm?

2) Please let it be made that this officer in order to continue his job duties here, take behavior OR anger management classes. He's very violent and that is a security and safety risk within this building?

3) I ask that he be drug screened?

4) I ask that transportation officer Finch be kept away from all inmates until this grievance is concluded and all remedies are met.

5) Please report this incident to Prison Legal News (PLN) so that it may be posted?

6) Please allow me to immediately get printed copies of all the notes that medical documented. I'm talking about the injuries noted. Also all the actions taken?

7) Please save the camera footage?

8) Please add \$100,000 to my inmate funds account?

9) Please take pictures of all my injuries immediately?

10) Please acknowledge the fact that the reason why I was not charged with assaulting this officer is because he had no business hitting me, Chocking me, nor sticking his fingers in my mouth nor my nose.?



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I swear by the penalty of perjury that all  
of the facts above are true.

Adrian R. Bradford 8-7-2020



# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SERVICES INMATE GRIEVANCE FORM

8B1 #7

NAME: AARON BRADFORD IMN: 235438 HU/FLOOR: INMATE CELL #20  
(Print)

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I'VE NOW SPOKE WITH EVERY CAPT. & ALL LTS.  
I'VE SPOKE WITH THE SECURITY MAJOR AND BOTH MAJORS. I SPOKE  
WITH MR. HOWARD TOO. I SPOKE WITH MR. BANASCO BEFORE HE RESIGNED.

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ON AUGUST 7th, 2020, I GAVE STAFF MY COMPLETED FIVE (5) PAGE GRIEVANCE ABOUT MY GETTING PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY TRANSPORTATION OFFICER FINCH. I'VE STILL NOT HEARD ANYTHING BACK IN WRITING. THE ASSAULT HAPPENED 8-4-2020.

THE ONLY THING STAFF KEEP TELLING ME IS THAT IT'S BEING INVESTIGATED. I'VE ALSO HEARD FROM MAJOR ISHMON, MY GRIEVANCE ABOUT THE AUGUST 4th ASSAULT THAT I UNDERWENT WAS NEVER RECEIVED BY STAFF AND THAT IT WAS ONLY BEING INVESTIGATED BECAUSE A NURSE MENTIONED IT. HOWEVER, STAFF IN MEDICAL DID DOCUMENT ALL OF THE INJURIES THAT I SUSTAINED

FOR SOME REASON, STAFF ARE WITHHOLDING A RESPONSE FROM MY FORMAL GRIEVANCE ABOUT THE AUGUST 4th SITUATION. IT APPEARS TO BE A WAY FOR THEM TO CIRCUMVENT THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS. (ALSO) [TO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE STAFF ASSAULT I UNDERWENT.] I RECENTLY RECEIVED A GRIEVANCE

  
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MONDAY  
9-7-2020

Date

CSNAW#232

Received By/DSN

09-11-20

Date Received



ABOUT A SITUATION DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH. MY POINT? I GAVE STAFF THAT GRIEVANCE AT THE SAME TIME I GAVE 'M THE COMPLAINT ABOUT THE AUGUST 4TH EVENT. ON 9-3-2020, THURSDAY. I ~~GAVE~~ WAS GAVE A RESPONSE OF THE GRIEVANCE PERTAINING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH BEHAVIOR/SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM. MEANING, I RECEIVED A COPY OF THAT RESPONSE MORE THAN 25 DAYS AFTER I TURNED MY COMPLAINT IN TO STAFF, BUT I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL RESPONSE ABOUT THE DAY I WAS PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY OFFICER FENCH WHILE I WAS STRAPPED DOWN FULLY RESTRAINED IN A RESTRAINT CHAIR. IT WAS ALL ON CAMERA (8-D SALLYPORT.) PLEASE SAVE THE CAMERA FOOTAGE LIKE I ASKED IN THE ORIGINAL GRIEVANCE? I'D APPRECIATE A RESPONSE TO THIS.

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RESPONSE/FINDINGS:

Your missing grievance + concerns have been addressed with Major Ismon + Sup Reed. All Investigations are conducted by Major Siler.

Unable to Sign Response. Discussed + given copy  
 Inmate Signature ~~CSN~~ witnessed by IM Wright Date CSN #232 09-16-20  
 Staff's Signature/DSN CSN #232 Date 09-16-20



I'M WRITING YOU IN CONCERN  
ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION. ON AUGUST 4, 2020  
I WAS ASSAULTED BY AN OFFICER. THE ASSAULT  
OCCURED WHILE I WAS IN THE RESTRICTION  
CHAIR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2PM - 3PM.  
THE PERSON WHO DID THIS TO ME IS TRANSFER-  
TATION OFFICER FENCH

I WROTE A GRIEVANCE ON THIS SITUATION.  
BUT MAJOR ISHMAN TOLD ME YOU WAS STILL  
INVESTIGATING THE MATTER. I'VE BEEN TOLD  
THE SAME THING BY SECURITY MANAJOOR REED  
AS WELL. I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT YOU ALL  
WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT THIS SITUATION BY  
A NURSE. (NURSE JENLIFER) THIS PARTICULAR  
NURSE IS NO LONGER WORKING HERE.

I EVEN TALKED TO RAUL BARRIO ABOUT IT  
WHENEVER I WAS MOVED TO THE RUBBER ROOM  
IN THE INTERVIEW (CELL 26). MR. BARRIO  
PUT MY NAME AND INMATE NUMBER IN HIS  
CELL PHONE AND PROMISED TO COME BACK TO  
TALK TO ME FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
ASSAULT ASSAULT. HE WAS WITH A GUY  
WHO WAS ON AN NAACP HAT ON. HE NEVER CAME BACK.

ANYHOW, ALL OF MY INJURIES WERE DOCUMENTED.  
AND THE ASSAULT HAPPENED IN 3-D SALLYPORT.  
IT'S ALL ON CAMERA. ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS?

PLEASE RESPOND? THANK YOU.

Daniel J. [Signature]



**St. Louis County**  
**Department of Justice Services**  
**Formal Inmate Grievance Appeal Form**

To: MR. BURRIS

Director/Designee

From: AARON BRADFORD 235438  
 Inmate's Name and IMN (please print)

Reason for Appeal:

I AM APPEALING THE GRIEVANCE THAT I FILED ON AUGUST 7, 2020. I ORIGINALLY FILED ABOUT A SITUATION THAT OCCURED ON AUGUST 4, 2020 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. I FILED IT UNDER THE EXCESSIVE FORCE CATEGORY. I WAS NOT CONTENT WITH THIS RESPONSE THAT IVE RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR MR. SILER BECAUSE THE RESPONSE DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN ITS ENTIRETY NOR DOES IT MEET ANY OF MY SOUGHT REMEDIES. AT LEAST NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THUS, MAKING THE RESPONSE INADEQUATE. I WAS PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY AN OFFICER SO I DESERVE A MORE TRANSPARENT RESPONSE AND MY REMEDIES WERE NOT ADDRESSED. NOT THE ONES I SOUGHT. FURTHERMORE, MY ORIGINAL GRIEVANCE ALL OF A SUDDEN APPEARED TO BE FOUND IN MAJOR ISHMON'S MAILBOX OVER A MONTH LATER AFTER MY GIVING IT TO STAFF IN ORDER TO BE PROPERLY FILED. BETWEEN THAT TIME AND THE ENTIRE TIME I WAS Housed IN THE INFIRMARY I CONTINUOUSLY INQUIRED ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF MY ORIGINAL GRIEVANCE. EVERY STAFF MEMBER I ASKED ABOUT IT INCLUDING MAJOR ISHMON TOLD ME THEY WERE LOOKING FOR IT. THEN IT ALL OF A SUDDEN WAS DISCOVERED IN MAJOR ISHMON'S MAILBOX ACCORDING TO CPT CLEVELAND. I ASKED MAJ. ISHMON WAS THAT TRUE. HE CONFIRMED IT WAS. BUT NO ONE WILL TELL ME WHERE IT WAS. THE THING ABOUT THIS THOUGH IS THAT I WAS NOTIFIED ABOUT IT AND RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL COPY TOO, ON THE SAME DAY I

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 Check box if additional sheet is used ☐

[Signature] 12-29-2020  
 Inmate Signature Date

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Date Received

cc: Administrative File  
 Inmate File

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WAS MOVED FROM INFIRMARY CELL 20 TO 8-B1-8. WHICH THERE IS NO INTER-  
 CATION NOTING WHEN STAFF RECEIVED THE GRIEVANCE. AND NO GRIEVANCE  
 OFFICER CAME TO SPEAK WITH ME ABOUT IT. I WAS GAVE BACK MY GRIEVA-  
 NCE BUT NOONE SIGNED IT. I WROTE MR. SILER AN EXTENSIVE 4-5 PAGE  
 LETTER ABOUT IT ALL BUT DID NOT RECEIVE AN ANSWER. I WROTE A SECOND  
 GRIEVANCE BEFORE THAT AND THE RESPONSE WAS DOCUMENTED 9-16-20  
 SO MR. REED AND MR. ISHMON BOTH KNEW ABOUT THE MISSING GRIEVA-  
 CE AND I RECEIVED A COPY AND RESPONSE SUCH IN THE 2ND GRIEVALE ABOUT  
 THE MATTER. HOWEVER, IN THE RESPONSE NONE OF MY SOUGHT REMEDIES WERE  
 MET. MY PHYSICAL INJURIES WERE NOT PHOTOGRAPHED LIKE I ASKED EI-  
 THER. AND I CONTINUE TO RELIEVE THAT BRUTAL SITUATION, ESPECIALLY WHE-  
 N I SEE TRANSPORTATION OFFICER FINCH. THE ENTIRE SITUATION WAS ON  
 CAMERA IN 8D'S SALLYPORT. I ALSO ASKED FOR THE FOOTAGE TO BE  
 SAVED. I ASKED FOR THAT IN BOTH GRIEVANCES. MY INJURIES WERE  
 NOT PHOTOGRAPHED. THEY WERE DOCUMENTED BY NURSE JENNIFER, BUT SHE  
 STOPPED WORKING HERE SHORTLY AFTER SHE TOLD ME SHE DOCUMENTED  
 THE CHOKE MARKS AROUND MY NECK AND ON MY THROAT, THE CUTS ON EA-  
 CH SIDE OF MY LIPS, THE CUT ABOVE MY TOP LIP CLEFT BETWEEN EACH  
 OF MY NOSTRILS WHERE MY NOSE WAS ALMOST TORE OFF FROM THE  
 OFFICER DIGGING IN MY NOSE FROM BEHIND AND AGGRESSIVELY AND  
 CRUELY YANK ON MY NOSE AND THE CUTS AND BLOOD IN MY NOSE WHERE  
 THE OFFICER (FINCH) FORCEFULLY DUG INTO MY NOSE. (ALL OF ITS ON  
 CAMERA) TOO! GOD KNOWS I WAS CLEARLY ASSAULTED BECAUSE  
 I WAS FULLY RESTRAINED IN A RESTRAINT CHAIR. THE FACT  
 THAT I WAS STRAPPED IN, CUFFED BEHIND MY BACKS AND SHA-  
 CKLED AT MY ANKLES PROVE THAT THE FORCE USED WAS EXCESSIVE.  
 PLEASE RESPOND AND PLEASE MET MY ORIGINALLY SOUGHT REME-  
 DIES? THANK YOU.

NOTE: BESIDES NURSE JENNIFER, I ALSO WAS SEEN BY A FEMALE DOCTOR OR  
 NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO LATER DOCUMENTED THE INJURIES THAT WERE STILL  
 VISIBLE.

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 Inmate Initials